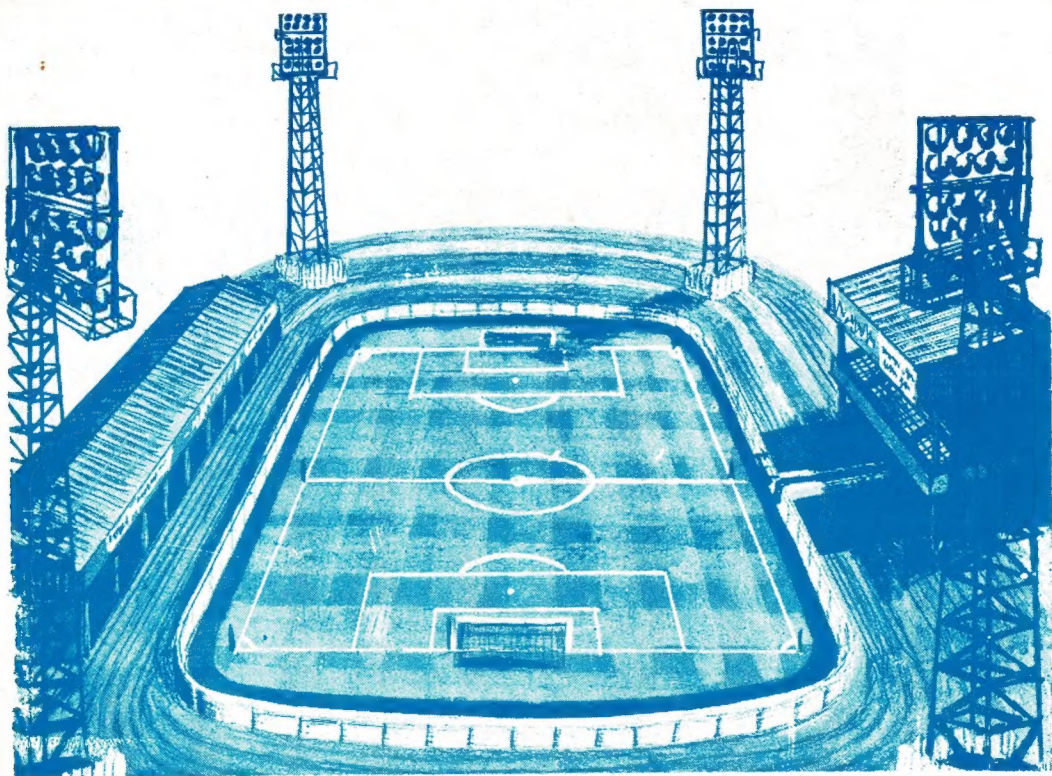


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In 1911-12 they won the F.A. Cup at Sheffield, in the replay with West Brom.

Barnsley, being a colliery centre, have always been known as "The Colliers."

They gained admission to Division Two in 1898. Their ground, known as Oakwell, was bought for £1,376, with surrounding land. Oakwell is a good ground, with ample practice pitches attached. In 1936 it accommodated 28,560 for the match with Sheffield United, but in 1948, 36,106 paid to see the game with Hull City. That was exceeded by the 40,255 crowd which saw the cup-tie with Stoke City.

One of the greatest players ever to wear a football shirt came from and played for Barnsley. This was Frank Barson, a great centre-half, who eventually went to Aston Villa, played for England, and ended his Football League career at Wigan Borough. The football spectators of today who are old enough to have seen him play must surely rate him the No. 5 of all time.

Other players who have made the football story and played for Barnsley were Tommy Boyle, Dicky Downs, Eric Brook, Ernest Hine and Benny Harper, and others of more recent times.

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Good Afternoon.

Today we welcome Allan Clarke and his Barnsley team to Springfield Park. Currently one of the favourites for promotion — today's encounter promises to be as exciting a match as we have had all season. In our away match at Oakwell we managed to share the points, and we are hoping for something better this afternoon.

Doncaster Game

It was a tremendous achievement to come away from Doncaster last Saturday with two points, as we had survived a 15 minute gruelling after Joe Hinnigan had injured his thigh. However, we came through it well and I am sure we would have settled for a draw. The true character of our side came through and we battled on for the winner which came from Jeff Wright with two minutes to go. Championships and promotions are gained by results such as we had at Doncaster. The Yorkshire side has

certainly improved since fellow Scot, Billy Bremner took over, and they have indeed won five out of their previous six matches. So, all in all, a wonderful two points and once again our travelling support did us proud.

The Run-in

Now that we are in the run-in with still a chance of promotion, it will be a real testing time for my pool of players but I know the players I have in reserve are ready and willing to step into any breaches that may occur and perform with the same conviction as the regular first team has done all season. I am also sure the backing of our fans is going to be very, very important. There is no doubt we will probably lose matches but as long as the fans stay with us and back us all the way, then we have a decided chance.

Enjoy today's game.

I. McNEILL.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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WIGAN ATHLETIC v. TORQUAY UNITED

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1979 — Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

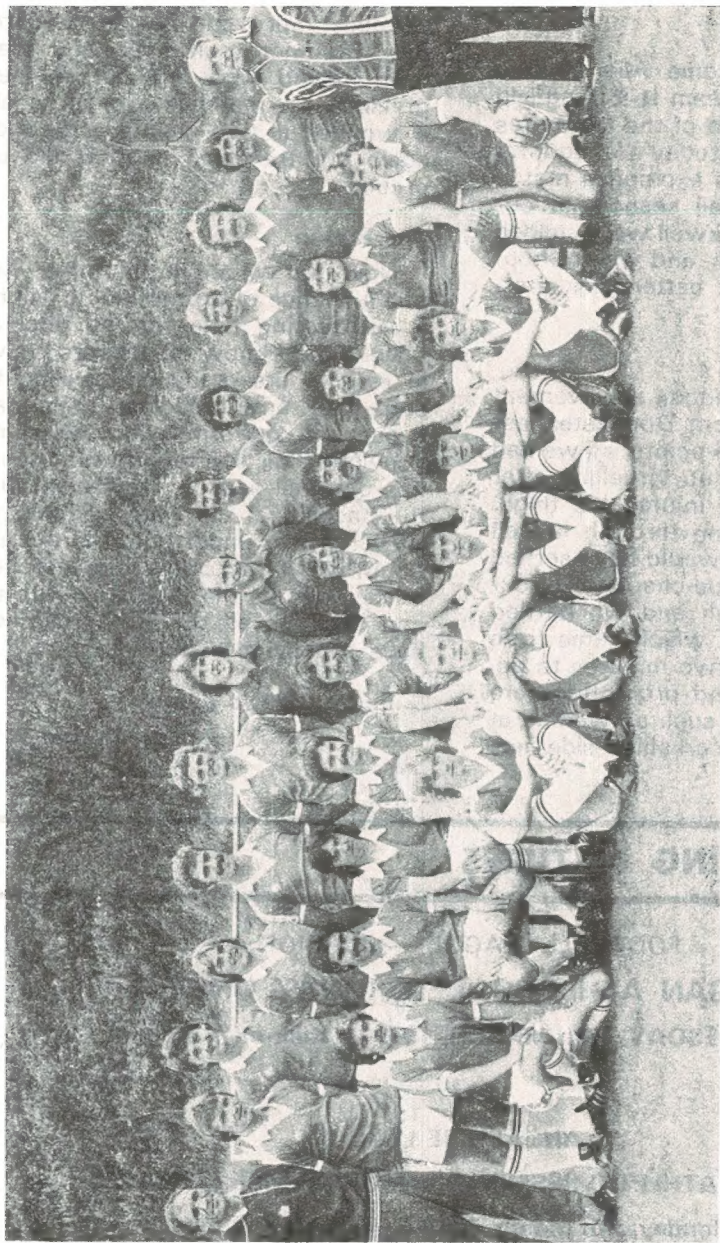
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Back Row (left to right)

G. Young, I. Burgin, S. Cullen, D. Markham, M. McCarthy, J. Saunders, G. Copley, P. Springett, J. Peachey, B. Murphy, B. Joicey, P. Price, J. Collins, N. Rimmington,

Centre Row (left to right)

G. Skidmore, G. Mallender, A. Millar, P. M. Chambers, M. Prendergast, A. Clarke, G. Pugh, G. Riley, A. Little, D. Speedie.

Front Row (left to right) G. Reed, K. McCarthy, M. Roscoe, A. Billington, I. Jonhson.

EDITORIAL

The visit of Barnsley today reminds me of the person I think was probably the greatest and most controversial of all players Frank Barson.

Frank was a big, robust centre-half with an enormous amount of skill, but he always seemed to fall foul of the referee and was sent off and suspended on many occasions.

This probably cost him his place in the England team. Many, I know, will probably say that he had no dirty intentions, it was purely and simply his robust tactics that displeased the referees.

He did, however, play in the Football League until he was 40 years of age — his last League club being Wigan Borough.

After his playing career ended he remained in the game until his death

a few years ago, being trainer at Swansea for many years.

Other 'greats' in more recent times include Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney. Stan Matthews, like Barson, played until he was 40, in fact he was on the 50 mark when he played his last League game.

As the years go by there will always be players who will be remembered for evermore; dominant players and characters who have written themselves in football's history books. We can go as far back and even further than Frank Barson. In the years to come some of today's names will go down as "one time greats" — such as Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis, George Best and numerous others who will be remembered and remain in the record books.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV (up to and including Saturday, 24th February, 1979)

				Home				Away				Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Reading	28	12	2	0	33	6	3	6	5	16	22	38
Wimbledon	25	10	1	1	26	14	5	5	2	18	25	36
Aldershot	28	9	5	1	25	11	3	7	3	16	7	36
Portsmouth	28	10	3	2	26	8	5	2	6	21	22	35
Grimsby	27	10	2	2	36	14	5	2	6	16	15	34
WIGAN ATHLETIC	27	10	0	4	23	14	4	4	5	10	12	32
Barnsley	24	6	3	2	26	14	5	5	3	15	10	30
Newport	27	6	4	4	20	19	5	3	5	18	17	29
Torquay	28	9	2	3	24	12	3	2	8	12	23	28
Bournemouth	28	7	4	5	27	15	2	5	5	7	9	27
Hereford	27	6	5	1	19	11	3	3	9	14	21	26
Hartlepool	25	5	7	2	23	17	3	3	5	9	19	26
Doncaster	28	6	4	5	18	15	4	2	7	18	28	26
Stockport	26	8	2	4	21	10	1	5	6	18	25	25
Bradford C.	25	6	2	3	19	13	5	1	8	15	28	25
Port Vale	27	4	6	4	19	19	5	1	7	19	23	25
Scunthorpe	25	7	1	4	18	17	1	5	6	9	16	22
Northampton	25	6	4	2	22	14	1	3	9	11	29	21
York	23	4	4	3	13	13	4	1	7	9	19	21
Huddersfield	25	7	4	2	18	9	0	2	10	7	20	20
Darlington	25	3	5	3	13	10	3	3	8	16	29	20
Crewe	27	3	5	6	16	23	2	5	6	9	23	20
Rochdale	25	2	3	5	7	14	1	4	9	11	26	13
Halifax	25	1	3	6	5	14	1	2	12	11	29	9

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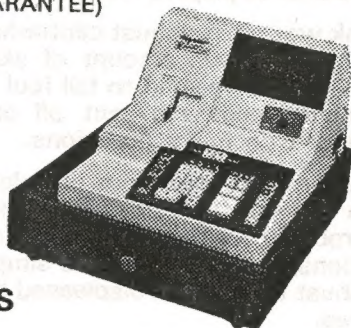
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LATICS LINE

by Nick Duxbury



Barnsley's visit to Springfield Park this afternoon brings back happy memories for Latics goalkeeper John Brown.

For Brown's heroics at Oakwell in the season's first meeting in October helped Latics take a precious away point from a goalless draw.

And no-one is more likely to remember Latics visit and Brown's form on the day, than Barnsley midfielder man Speedie. The 18-year-old was denied a debut goal by a breath taking first half save.

The draw at Barnsley saw Latics come through with flying colours—what manager Ian McNeill described as "the big test".

The Yorkshire side were already among the leaders and Latics, at that time, had still to prove they could live with a top team away from home.

The position was vastly different from the one pertaining today, with

the game ranking a real top-of-the-table clash.

It's the War of the Roses all over again and with so much at stake, Latics fans will be hoping Brown can again produce the form to thwart Barnsley.

And judging from last Saturday's display in the 1-0 win at Doncaster, he is currently in the mood to play a big part in taming the Tykes.

Two outstanding saves kept out Billy Bremner's side, and if Brown can do the same again, Bremner will no doubt have every sympathy for his former Leeds United team mate, now Oakwell boss, Allan Clarke.

'Veteran' of Preston North End and Stockport, Brown has had a great season so far on his return to League football, and while he may not be the greatest catcher of the crossed ball, his shot-stopping prowess makes him one of the best goalkeepers in Division 4.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



The performances of the team and the excellent following since our entry into the Football League last June, have made my job of writing these notes in the programme much easier for I have rarely had to make any unpleasant remarks.

I was very impressed last Saturday by the attitude of the Doncaster Chairman and his Directors, and especially with their Manager Billy Bremner. After a game in which the home team looked more than worthy of at least a point, they were beaten in the dying seconds of the game. Billy Bremner took the defeat in true sporting spirit, without one single

moan, either about his team or the referee. He did, in fact, admire the fighting spirit of Wigan and attributed that spirit to the never-say-die attitude of the Wigan team.

He went on to say that he was very pleased with his own team who had been completely out of luck and reminded us that luck was evenly shared out over the length of the season. He readily admitted that his team had all the luck in the previous game at Stockport; and our spectators know how our own luck ran out against Wimbledon.

The game at Doncaster was played in fine spirit and the behaviour of the crowd was excellent. A police inspector entered the team coach as we left to congratulate the team. He said they had witnessed very little trouble during the whole of the game.

It was also pleasing to see the Doncaster team given a great ovation as they left the field at the end of the game. This game was a fine example of the manner in which a game should be played and watched.

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LINE-UP

Wigan Athletic		Barnsley
1 John Brown 2 Kevin Smart 3 Joe Hinnigan 4 Tommy Gore 5 Noel Ward 6 Dave Fretwell 7 Frank Corrigan 8 Jeff Wright 9 Peter Houghton 10 Alan Crompton 11 Ian Purdie 12 Mickey Moore	Referee : Mr. A. McDONALD (Sutton Coldfield) Linesmen : Mr. A. Dobson (Blackburn) Red Flag Mr. P. Hindle (Blackburn) Yellow Flag	1 Peter Springett 2 John Collins 3 Philip Chambers 4 Glyn Riley 5 John Saunders 6 Mike McCarthy 7 Alan Little 8 Allan Clarke 9 Tommy Graham 10 Alistair Millar 11 Derek Bell 12
	FOR YOUR RECORD Result : Attendance : Scorers :	

TODAY'S REFEREE

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Commencing with the Birmingham Works has progressed via Midland Counties and West Midland Leagues to the Football League list. A married man, with two children, he is a Purchasing Manager, and enjoys playing golf.

FOCUS ON MICHAEL MOORE

<i>Full Name :</i>	Michael Moore.
<i>Birthplace :</i>	Chorley.
<i>Birthdate :</i>	20th July, 1952.
<i>Height :</i>	5 ft. 9½ ins.
<i>Weight :</i>	10 stone 10 lbs. (wet through)
<i>Previous Clubs :</i>	Preston, Southport Gt. Harwood, Altrincham, Port Vale.
<i>Married :</i>	Yes. Linda.
<i>Children :</i>	Three. Lois (3), Michael (2), Lauren (2 wks.)
<i>Car :</i>	Maxi.
<i>Favourite player :</i>	Liam Brady.
<i>Favourite other team :</i>	Preston.
<i>Most difficult opponent :</i>	Tommy Smith.
<i>Most memorable match :</i>	Birmingham.
<i>Biggest thrill :</i>	Playing in America.
<i>Biggest disappointment :</i>	The loss of my father.
<i>Best country visited :</i>	America.
<i>Favourite food :</i>	Steak and Chips.
<i>Miscellaneous likes :</i>	Cricket, snooker and all ball games.
<i>Miscellaneous dislikes :</i>	Baby waking up at night; losing games; being short of money.
<i>Favourite TV shows :</i>	Fawlty Towers, Football, Rising Damp.
<i>Favourite singers :</i>	Paul McCartney, John Denver, Elvis, Dean Martin.
<i>Favourite actors :</i>	Peter Falk.
<i>Best friend:</i>	My wife.
<i>Biggest influence on career :</i>	My wife.
<i>Biggest drag in soccer :</i>	My left foot.
<i>International honours :</i>	None.
<i>Personal ambition :</i>	To stay happy.
<i>Professional ambition :</i>	To play until I am 35.
<i>If not in football, what would you like to be :</i>	A millionaire.
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2—Everton 'A'	A	2-1
9—Chester 'A'	H	1-3
15—Tranmere R. Res.	A	0-0
16—		
23—Bradford City Res.	H	5-0
30—Liverpool 'A'	A	1-2
October—		
7—Rochdale Res.	H	2-2
14—Rochdale Res.	A	0-1
21—Carlisle Utd. Res.	H	2-0
27—Stockport County 'A'	A	8-0
November—		
11—Tranmere R. Res.	H	2-2
18—Crewe Alex 'A'	A	3-3
25—Manchester City 'A'	A	2-1
December—		
2—Blackpool 'A'	H	
9—Port Vale Res.	H	3-1
13—Macclesfield T. Res.	H	5-1
16—Chester 'A'	A	
26—		
30—Morecambe Res.	A	5-0

1979

		F-A
January—		
1—Oldham Ath. Res.	H	1-3
6—Morecambe Res.	H	
13—Port Vale Res.	A	
20—Manchester City 'A'	H	
27—Macclesfield T. Res.	A	
February—		
3—Bradford City Res.	A	
10—Crewe Alex Res.	H	5-0
17—Manchester Utd. 'A'	A	2-2
24—Oldham Ath. Res.	A	1-4
March—		
3—Carlisle Res.	A	
8—Stockport County 'A'	H	
17—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	A	
24—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	H	
31—Wrexham Res.	A	
April—		
7—Manchester Utd. 'A'	H	
13—Southport Res.	A (Fri.)	
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21—Liverpool 'A'	H	
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